

## REMARKS

Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of this application as so amended is requested. By this amendment Applicant has amended claims 1 and 5 to indicate the advantage of having a generic decoder with a limited number of protocol descriptions and a separate specific decoder for a certain protocol description. Claims 1-5 remain in the case.

The Examiner maintains the objection to claim 1, indicating that in line 1 “protocols” should be “protocol” (singular) to comply with the written description. The Examiner requests that Applicant point out where in the Detailed Description the “protocols” is disclosed. Applicant refers the Examiner to page 4, starting at line 12, where “a limited number of protocol descriptions [i.e., protocols] A-C may be loaded. These protocol descriptions are interpreted . . .”, which language is consistent with the prior art discussion related to generic decoders and is well known to one of ordinary skill in the art. Further the language objected to is in the preamble, is consistent with the title of the invention, and is consistent with the statement of the field of the invention. The other objections to claims 2-5 now raised for the first time merely track the language that exists in the specification and is deemed not to be objectionable. Therefore Applicant requests that the Examiner’s objections be withdrawn.

The Examiner maintains the rejection of claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Baker et al (“Baker”) or Holzmann. With regards to Baker Applicant submits that what is shown is a generic decoder as described by Applicant in the Background that receives and stores network data files 20 in a storage 10 and stores protocol description files 22 in the storage, and then applies the appropriate protocol description files to the network data files using the network control logic 16 to produce an output. There is no specific decoder taught or suggested by Baker. The

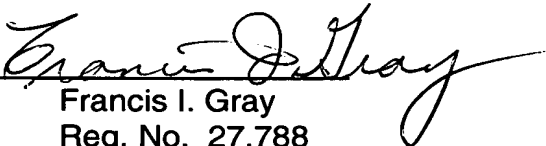
elements 10, 14, 16, 20, 22 of Baker form a generic decoder only. Thus claims 1-5 are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art by Baker. Certainly there is no "reversible" connection between two decoders (one generic and the other specific) so that the two may be updated separately.

Likewise Holzmann only teaches a specific decoder having a protocol description 203 interacting with a protocol execution device 207 to produce information from protocol data. There is no generic decoder for decoding data according to a number of protocol descriptions. Since Holzmann only teaches a single protocol description, the elements 203/207 make up a specific decoder only. Again there is no "reversible" connection between two decoders (one generic and the other specific) so that the two may be updated separately. Thus claims 1-5 are deemed to be allowable as being neither anticipated nor rendered obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art by Holzmann.

In view of the foregoing arguments entry of this amendment and allowance of claims 1-5 are urged, and such action and the issuance of this case are requested. Should the Examiner maintain the rejection, entry of this amendment is requested as placing the claims in better form for appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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